of parts, component and accessories of mobile handsets including cellular phones at zero custom duty. As this is a delicensed sector, market forces and economy of scale will decide local cellular handset manufacturing.

Investment in this area is governed by the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy the government. 100% FDI is allowed in the telecom equipment manufacturing sector under automatic route.

Community Information Centres

1579. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress made in setting up of Community Information Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the target fixed in this regard has been achieved;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S.U. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) to (e) The Department of Information Technology has implemented a project for setting up of 487 Community Information Centres (CICs) at Block Headquarters in the seven North-East States and Sikkim using Information Technology to accelerate socio-economic development of the region.

This project does not envisage setting up of CISs in other parts of the country.

Virus wrecked havoc on Internet

1580. PROF. N. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the virus wrecked havoc on the Internet in India in the fag end of January, 2003;

(b) the efforts taken so far by his Ministry to avert such incidents in future; and

(c) the details of the cyber cafe crimes noticed by his Ministry during the last year and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S.U. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of Solutions/products which are commercially available are being used to combat the threats of computer virus and worm.

(c) As per the information available, twenty seven cases of Cyber Cafe Crime have been registered during the last year. The details are given in the Statement (*see* below). The Government has made provisions under sections 67—78 (Chapter XI) of the IT Act 2000 to enable the law enforcement agencies to book the offenders.

Statement

List of Cyber Crimes Reported during 2002 (upto August 2002)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory/City/ Organization	Number of Crimes
1.	CBI	3
2.	NCT of Delhi	5
3.	Assam	1
4.	Karnataka	6
5.	Rajasthan	1
6.	Maharashtra (excluding Mumbai)	7
7.	Mumbai	3
8.	Kerala	1
	Total	27

Need of Indo-US partnership in Cyber Security

1581. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of the 9/11 incident and the increasing dependence of nations and firms on the cyber world a closer Indo-US partnership in cyber security is needed;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps in this regard have been worked out by both the countries;